

REMARKS

As required, applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1 and 3-9, drawn to a substrate inoculation device.

Claim 2 was amended to be within the scope of the elected group and is made dependent on claim 1.

The traversal is on the grounds that the patent office has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the claimed invention.

Additionally, applicants bring the attention of the Examiner to MPEP § 821.04, Rejoinder. If the restriction requirement is maintained at this point, rejoinder of the non-elected method claims is respectfully requested at the proper time in accord with the rejoinder provisions of the MPEP.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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